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**Commission on the Status of Women acting as
the preparatory committee for the special session
of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000:
gender equality, development and peace for the
twenty-first century"**

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**Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly
entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace
for the twenty-first century"**

Draft decision submitted by the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee

**Arrangements regarding accreditation of non-governmental
organizations to the special session of the General Assembly
entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace
for the twenty-first century"**

The Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" recommends to the Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 54/142 of 17 December 1999 which the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" at its second session, recommended for its adoption through the Economic and Social Council, in Council resolution 1999/50 of 29 July 1999:

(a) Decides to reconsider the question of accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" pursuant to Assembly resolution 54/142;

* E/CN.6/2000/PC.1.



(b) Also decides that those interested non-governmental organizations that neither are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, nor were accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women and its preparatory process, may participate in the special session, that these non-governmental organizations should submit their application for accreditation to a committee composed of the Bureau of the preparatory committee and the Secretariat by 5 April 2000, and that the application should contain the following information:

- (i) The purpose of the organization;
- (ii) Information identifying the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the subject of the special session and indicating in which country or countries they are carried out;
- (iii) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international levels;
- (iv) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;
- (v) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;
- (vi) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;
- (vii) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization;

and further decides that the Bureau of the preparatory committee should submit by 10 April 2000 to the members of the preparatory committee a list of the non-governmental organizations that submitted their applications, for approval, that the list should contain information on each organization's competence and relevance to the subject of the special session, and that members of the preparatory committee will have until 10 May 2000 to decide on a no-objection basis regarding accreditation of these non-governmental organizations;

(c) Decides that those non-governmental organizations whose applications for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council was rejected or whose consultative status with the Council was withdrawn or suspended shall not be accredited to the special session;

(d) Urges, in recognition of the importance of equitable geographical participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session, relevant United Nations bodies to assist those non-governmental organizations that do not have resources, in particular non-governmental organizations from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in participating in the special session;

(e) Requests the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to the community of non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures as well as information on supportive measures for participation in the special session;

(f) Decides that the above arrangements concerning accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the special session of the General Assembly will in no way create a precedent for other special sessions of the Assembly.